



The Fruit of the Spirit: 9-Week Preschool Curriculum

The FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT 9-Week Preschool Curriculum helps little ones (ages 3–5) understand how God helps us grow to be more like Jesus. Through fun Bible stories, simple lessons, and engaging activities, preschoolers will learn about love, joy, peace, and other special gifts God gives us. These lessons teach that God’s love works in our hearts, helping us make good choices and be kind to others.

Main Idea: God helps us grow to be like Jesus!

Bible Memory Verse: – Galatians 5:22–23

More than ever, children need to learn how Christian character comes from our relationship with Jesus. Help preschoolers root their self-image in the pattern of Jesus and the spiritual growth God can provide.

9-Week Lesson Overview

Week 1: Love

- **Bible Story:** The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)
- **Main Idea:** We don't have to earn God's love—it's a gift through Jesus!

Week 2: Joy

- **Bible Story:** The Prodigal Son Returns (Luke 15:11-32)
- **Main Idea:** True joy comes from knowing Jesus, not from what happens to us.

Week 3: Peace

- **Bible Story:** Paul and Barnabas Make Peace (Acts 15:36-41)
- **Main Idea:** Jesus gives us peace that nothing can take away.

Week 4: Patience

- **Bible Story:** Abraham Waits for God's Promise (Genesis 12-21)
- **Main Idea:** Because God is patient with us, we can be patient with others.

Week 5: Kindness

- **Bible Story:** David's Kindness to Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9)
- **Main Idea:** We show kindness because God has been kind to us.



Week 6: Goodness

- **Bible Story:** The Good Shepherd (John 10:1-18)
- **Main Idea:** We don't do good things to make God love us—He already does! His love helps us do what's right.

Week 7: Faithfulness

- **Bible Story:** The Faithful Servant (Matthew 24:45-51)
- **Main Idea:** We can trust God because He is always faithful.

Week 8: Gentleness

- **Bible Story:** Jesus Welcomes the Children (Mark 10:13-16)
- **Main Idea:** Jesus leads us gently, and His Spirit helps us be gentle with others.

Week 9: Self-Control

- **Bible Story:** Jesus Resists Temptation (Matthew 4:1-11)
- **Main Idea:** We don't have to let our feelings control us—the Holy Spirit helps us make good choices.





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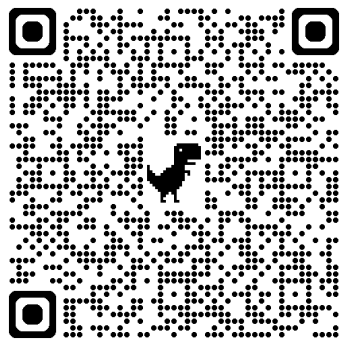
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Week 1 – Love

Bible Story: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37)

Main Idea: We don't have to earn God's love—it's a gift through Jesus!

Jesus' Example: Jesus showed love in everything He did—helping the hurting, forgiving enemies, and giving His life for us. Because He loves us first, His Spirit helps us love, even when it's hard.

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Week 1 – Supply List

Arrival & Guided Play

- ☐ Baby doll & bandages
- ☐ Toy cars & blocks
- ☐ Stuffed animals
- ☐ Doctor kit playset
- ☐ Small mirror

Group Game – Hot Potato (Helping Hands Edition)

- ☐ Small soft object (bean bag, stuffed animal, or ball)
- ☐ Music or a way to signal when to stop

Bible Story

- ☐ Printout of a traveler walking on a road (*or use a toy figure*)
- ☐ Printout of the Good Samaritan helping (*or use a bandage as a prop*)

Craft – Caring Card

- ☐ Construction paper (various colors)
- ☐ Crayons or markers
- ☐ Stickers (hearts, smiley faces, etc.)
- ☐ Glue (optional)
- ☐ Pre-written “Jesus Loves You” or “God Loves You” notes for younger children



Arrival and Guided Play (5–10 minutes)

Welcome, friends! Today, we're learning about *Love* and the story of *The Good Samaritan*. God's love is a gift, and we can show love to others too! Let's have fun as we prepare to learn.

Toy/Activity Ideas:

- **Baby Doll & Bandages** – Let's take care of our baby doll! Oh no, they have an "ouchie"—let's help them feel better, just like the Good Samaritan showed love by helping someone hurt.
- **Toy Cars & Blocks** – Let's build a road for our cars! Some people walk on roads, too. In our Bible story, someone got hurt on the road, and a kind helper showed love.
- **Stuffed Animals** – Let's practice giving hugs to our stuffed animals! Hugs remind us that God's love is big, and we can show love too.
- **Doctor Kit Playset** – Let's be doctors and help someone feel better! The Good Samaritan took care of someone who was hurt—he showed love.
- **Small Mirror** – Look in the mirror and smile! God made us and loves us so much! When we love others, we can help them smile too.

Transition to Group Game: Let's march like happy helpers to our next activity! Can you march with me? One, two, three—let's go!



Group Games (5 minutes)

Hot Potato (Helping Hands Edition)

Playing games is a fun way to make friends and learn about love! Here's a game about helping quickly—just like the Good Samaritan helped the hurt man without waiting.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- A small soft object (bean bag, stuffed animal, or ball) to pass around
- Music or a way to signal when to stop

SETUP:

- Have children sit in a circle.
- Explain that we will pass the “helping hands” object around while music plays.
- When the music stops, the child holding the object will say, “I can show love by...” and give an idea (e.g., helping, sharing, being kind).

TEACHER: (Let's get ready to play! Hold up the object.) This is our helping hands object! We're going to pass it around the circle. When the music stops, whoever is holding it will say, “*I can show love by...*” and share an idea.

(Start the music and encourage children to pass the object quickly.)

(Stop the music suddenly.) Oh! Who has it? Can you tell us one way to show love?

(Encourage responses like helping a friend, sharing a toy, giving a hug, or saying kind words.)

(Repeat the game several times, making sure every child gets a turn.)



Bible Story (10 minutes) The Good Samaritan

Bible Story: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

Main Idea: We don't have to earn God's love—it's a gift through Jesus!

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Print a picture of a traveler on a road. (Optional: Use a small toy figure to represent the traveler.)
- Print a picture of a kind helper (Good Samaritan) caring for someone hurt. (Optional: Use a bandage to demonstrate helping.)

TEACHER: One day, Jesus told a story to help us understand how to show love to others. A man was walking down a road when suddenly—oh no!—some mean people hurt him and left him there! (Make a sad face.) He needed help, but he was all alone.

(Shade your eyes and look around.) Let's see if anyone will help!

Soon, a very important man walked by. He saw the hurt man but... (gasp!) he just kept walking! He didn't help at all!

Then, another man came by—surely he would help? But no! He walked right past, too. (Shake your head.)

(Show the picture of the Good Samaritan helping.)

Finally, a man from another town came down the road. He was different from the hurt man, but he stopped to help. He put bandages on his boo-boos, put him on his donkey, and took him to a place where he could rest and feel better.



(Jump with excitement!) He showed love! He didn't ask for anything in return—he just wanted to help. Jesus said that this man—the Good Samaritan—was a real neighbor because he showed love to someone in need.

Jesus teaches us to love everyone, just like God loves us. We don't have to earn His love—it's a gift! And because He loves us first, we can love others, too!

PRAYER TIME:

Let's talk to God together. You can repeat after me.

Dear God,

Thank You for loving me.

Help me show love to others.

Even when it's hard,

Let me be kind and caring.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.





Traveler on a Road



The Good Samaritan Helping

The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)



Craft (10 minutes) Caring Card

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TEACHER:

(Show the children a blank piece of paper.)

We're going to make Caring Cards to share God's love with someone who needs encouragement! Just like the Good Samaritan showed love, we can brighten someone's day with kind words and colorful pictures.

1. Fold your paper in half to make a card. (Help children as needed.)
2. Use crayons or markers to draw a picture or write kind words like “Jesus Loves You!” or “God Loves You!”
3. Decorate with stickers to make your card extra special!
4. If you know someone who needs love—maybe a family member, friend, or church leader—you can give them your card to make them smile!

Name: _____

LOVE

We don't have to earn God's Love- it is a gift through Jesus

Trace the outline of the big heart shape shown below.





Galatians 5:22–23 NIrV

But the fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. There is no law against such things.